GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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RETIREMENT OF EMPLOYEES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employees retired from India Tourism Development (ITDC) Ltd, during the last five years;

(b) whether the ITDC does not provide medical treatment facilities to its retired employees;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the ITDC is considering to provide medical treatment to its retired employees; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE(SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a): 413 employees retired from India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) during the last five years i.e. from 2003-04 to 2007-08.

(b) to (e): Presently, ITDC is not providing medical treatment/facilities to retired employees. However, the ITDC introduced "Post Retirement Medical Benefits Scheme" for retired employees in the year 2000. Due to financial crunch, the scheme was suspended for a period of one year effective from 20.7.2001 and subsequently suspended till further orders. Thereafter the ITDC employees Welfare-cum-Performance Incentive Scheme from where the funding was to be made for "Post Retirement Medical Benefits Scheme" was itself withdrawn by the Management in the year 2004 in view of the financial crunch. Consequent to this withdrawal, the Trade Unions Federations went to the Court and the matter is sub-judice.